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Opportunities to Embrace

Consultation Process Update

Friends, we are well underway with our parish consultation process, and I want to thank all those who have participated so far. We have 11 different worshipping communities in our parish and that means many different conversations are being held – from many different perspectives.

I am happy to announce that by the end of this weekend, most communities will have completed their first consultation: Conversations in the Spirit. The purpose of this 8-10 person conversation is to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to a small, diverse range of parishioners in a circle of prayer – the mature and young, Australians and immigrants, the weak and the strong - as they respond to simple questions such as, 'What do you love about your community?' and 'What challenges do you see for your community going forward?'

The recorded data taken from these conversations is then summarized and sent to the wider community, who will then have a chance to meet together to discuss. It's only after my leadership team and I have had a chance to listen to what both the Holy Spirit and the people are saying that we can even begin the process of decision-making. In saying that, however, it is becoming apparent, even at this early stage, that there may be a need to offer some possibilities around a future Mass schedule.

Sanctity of Mass and Routine

I completely understand that Sunday Mass is an anchor and staple of many people's existence, and that any changes to time and location may have a negative impact – even on a person's mental health. I am sincerely sorry for this, but this change is something that we cannot avoid. We have been insulated from this reality for much longer than many parishes, both in our Archdiocese and beyond.

Please trust me when I say that I would not choose this for our parish. I invite you to choose to join me in focusing on the possibilities for growth and renewal in our parish that this time of change offers.

The Challenge of Metrics

We have received advice from the Archdiocese about the number of Masses in our parish, which is based on quantitative data.

- All but two of our weekend Masses currently have, on average, less than 90 people in attendance;
- Our Mass Count Data summary from May 2024, issued from the Archdiocese, shows average Mass attendance for the past five years – see the summary on page 2;
- Canon Law 905.2 states: If there is a shortage of priests, the local ordinary (bishop) can allow priests to celebrate (Mass) twice a day for a just cause, or if pastoral necessity requires it, even three times on weekends and holy days of obligation;
- Lay-led liturgies on Sundays are not an option for a parish like ours, where driving time to neighboring communities is, for the majority, less than 15mins.

While this may be difficult to accept – and notwithstanding the importance of doing what we can to preserve the community spirit which exists in every community in our parish – there are most certainly opportunities ahead of us which lead to a greater sense of unity and community in our parish.

Other Considerations

The health and wellbeing of our priests

There are other important factors to consider including the mental, emotional and physical fatigue that priests experience, which is why three Masses is the limit. This limit has been established to protect the workplace health and safety of our priests.

The current weekly workload of our priests is often extremely draining and is not sustainable into the long term. This workload often includes emergency end of life care and funerals, preaching preparation, sacramental preparation (weddings, baptisms, confirmation and first holy communion) and their celebration, office administration, leadership development – to say nothing of the priority we are trying place on our evangelizing mission.

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Areas of Growth

We also need to consider our current areas of growth and fruitfulness. These include good news stories such as the 13 teenagers who are choosing to become Catholic as a direct result of our parish's continued investment in youth ministry, and the promotion of Alpha as our primary tool for evangelization.

I offer these words in the sincere hope (hope is a significant theme of this Sunday's readings) that they may broaden our horizons as to the necessary aspects of both our community consultations and individual thinking. Please be gentle with your words as we navigate this time together.

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

PARISH INDIVIDUAL MASS DATA

This data is provided for the purpose of equipping the Parish Priest and his supporting leadership structures (Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council) with data that can be used when considering the health and sustainability of the parish. The intent is to empower parishes as they seek to make plans for the future.

Average Weekly Mass Attendance										
Caloundra		2024		2023		2022		2021		2019
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary Caloundra</i>	5:00pm V Weekly Mass	154	4%	148	-8%	160	-21%	202	-15%	237
	6:30am Weekly Mass	82	-6%	87	0%	87	-12%	99	-6%	105
	9:30am Weekly Mass	234	4%	224	6%	212	-6%	226	-5%	239
	5:00pm									183
<i>Mary Mackillop Beerwah</i>	5:00pm V Weekly Mass	48	7%	45	32%	34	-13%	39		
	6:00pm V									35
	Vigil Masses summary	48	7%	45	32%	34	-13%	39	11%	35
<i>Blessed Frederic Ozanam Chapel Currimundi</i>	9:15am Weekly Mass	29	-15%	34	26%	27	13%	24	-33%	36
<i>Good Shepherd Centre Kawana</i>	8:00am Weekly Mass	69	-5%	73	-1%	74	-11%	83	-19%	103
<i>Our Lady of the Way Landsborough</i>	7:00am Weekly Mass	41	0%	41	-2%	42	-2%	43	-28%	60
<i>Our Lady of the Southern Cross Little Mountain</i>	10:30am Weekly Mass	41	-23%	53	13%	47	12%	42	-39%	69
<i>Sacred Heart Church Maleny</i>	9:00am Weekly Mass	63	-5%	66	-7%	71	1%	70	-22%	90
<i>Unity College</i>	8:00am Weekly Mass	71	18%	60	-10%	67	8%	62	-11%	70
	5:00pm Weekly Mass	87	19%	73	-22%	94	47%	64		

Please note:

- When considering these numbers, it is most valuable to look at trends over the years rather than single numbers in isolation.
- The collation of this data has been handled by different offices both within and outside of the Archdiocese over the last few years. Therefore, there may be discrepancies from year to year in how it was collated.
- In order that numbers reflect average normal attendance across a month, a process has been applied to the data if special events or circumstances took place across the month of May which significantly increased or decreased attendance.

We acknowledge the First Peoples of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

Re-Presenting Jesus: Sharing Christ in Contemporary Culture

This past week, on Wednesday morning at 6am, I, along with several other leaders in our parish, zoomed in to a world-wide video call with Fr James Mellon, creator of Divine Renovation ministry, Nicky and Pippa Gumble, creators of Alpha, and Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in the critically acclaimed series called, The Chosen – <https://watch.thechosen.tv/>

The 1 hour video was entitled, Re-Presenting Jesus: Sharing Christ in Contemporary Culture. I found it incredibly uplifting as we face the challenging, but opportunity-filled task of consolidating our parish Mass schedule in a way that we reimagine all our parish's ministries in a missionary key. I recommend this video to every single parishioner at this time. If you struggle with internet technology, please ask someone to assist you so that we all have an opportunity to be uplifted at this time. The easiest way to watch the video is via the news page on the parish website, which can easily be accessed through our Parish eNews (Flocknote). Alternatively, you may be comfortable with Googling the following web address: <https://www.youtube.com/live/HEznqBaQf2s>



Parish Dinner Dance 26th April 2025 (Saturday)

It's been a while since our last big celebration. The parish is inviting all parishioners and friends to celebrate an evening filled with great food, entertainment and good fellowship. With the congregation now consisting of people with ancestry coming from over 24 countries, we want to take this as an opportunity to celebrate its cultural diversity and get together as single people of God. Let's bring colour on the night and don your best frock. Mark the date and watch this space in the future for details.

The Annuals are in!

If you have ordered a Break Open the Word, Ordo or Daily Mass book, please check with your community Leader or collect from the Parish office.

Early Christmas stall – crafts and goodies.

Made by the OLR church craft group, there will be hand made Christmas gifts before and after each mass at OLR on the weekend of the **30th November and 1st December**. Please note this will be cash only.

A Taste of Taizé

Taizé is a tiny village in France. Since 1940, it has been home to an ecumenical community of Brothers who pray very simply through chant. During wartime, Br Roger established this community as a place of welcome for Jews who were fleeing the Nazis. Taizé has always had a special solidarity with human suffering. Taizé is a symbol of hope and reconciliation. The Brothers take special interest in the poor and in youth who flock to Taizé to reflect on their lives and join in the sung prayer. Join in this beautiful prayer at **OLR on Tuesday 10 Dec at 7pm**.

<https://www.taize.fr/en>

On the Journey

We congratulate **Rocco Cosson and Luke & Addison McKenzie** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for **Patricia Hawgood**, whose memorial service will be at OLR 28th Nov 11am and **Karen Eustance** whose funeral will be on Friday OLR 29th Nov 11am. May their souls and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

Parish Diary

Monday 18th Nov

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 19th Nov

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 20th Nov

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
(Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 21st Nov

Mass (OLR) 9am
(Currimundi) 9:15am

Friday 22nd Nov

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am
Mass (Lands) 9am

Saturday 16th Nov

Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 17th Nov

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 6.30am
Mass (Landsborough) 7am
Mass (Unity) 8am
Mass (Kawana) 8am
Mass (Maleny) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am
Mass (Unity) 5pm

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In Joyful Hope - Advent & Christmas Music

All parishioners are invited to a joyous Advent celebration at Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough on Sunday, **1st December commencing at 3:00pm** and followed by cool drinks and delicious nibbles. All are welcome, see you there!



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